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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

In compliance with Applicant's and his attorney's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56, the Applicant does hereby submit the following Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO - 1449, and copies of the references listed thereon.

A patent search was manually conducted for the invention described in the above referenced patent application. In the course of the search, no patents were found for an apparatus that has the same structural features or that operates in the same manner such as the invention listed above. The following six (6)) patents, however, were noted as being of interest and are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention as references AA - AF. The significance of each listed reference is as follows:

AA. U.S. Patent No. 6,309,437 (Jones) discloses a computer box cover including a frame assembly that selectively attaches to a computer box and a door assembly that attaches

1 to the frame assembly and that selectively closes over the entire front surface of the computer
2 box.

3 AB. U.S. Patent No. 5,730,770 (Greisz) discloses a two-stage filter for use with
4 electronic equipment (such as a computer). A bracket is attached to the computer housing,
5 covering the air intake areas, with screws. Two filters, one for capturing large particles and
6 one for capturing fine particles, are placed inside the bracket.

7 AC. U.S. Patent No. 5,676,718 (Davison et al.) discloses a computer drive bay
8 cover with a filter. The filter is in a cover plate that has a front panel with an overhang which
9 attaches to the computer housing via VELCRO fasteners.

10 AD. U.S. Patent No. 5,223,006 (Moran, III) discloses an air cleaner box for
11 housing a computer or other electronic equipment. The box completely encloses the
12 equipment and provides a sealed environment.

13 AE. U.S. Patent No. 4,889,542 (Hayes) discloses a computer filter device with a
14 filter panel that adhesively attaches to the outside of a computer housing to cover air intake
15 grids.

16 AF. U.S. Patent No. 3,971,877 (Lee) discloses an open-cell, air permeable filtering
17 material attached adjacent to the air inlet passage of an electronic chassis with a plurality of
18 barbed members which attach directly to the cells of the filter.

19 The Applicant and his attorney submit that the above-cited references taken alone or
20 in combination neither anticipate nor render obvious the present invention. None of the
21 references disclose or claim a computer box filter system comprising a hollow, U-shaped
22 frame assembly that selectively attaches to a computer box. The frame assembly includes
23 holes formed on the inside surface which are aligned with holes on the sides of the computer

1 box and a replaceable air filter. The listed references relate only to the general field of the
2 disclosure and do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to
3 the claims; they are cited only as constituting the closest art of which the Applicant and his
4 attorney are aware.

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6 Respectfully submitted,

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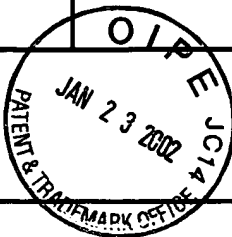
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